

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 119

Introduced by Assembly Member Garrick

February 8, 2010

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 119—Relative to Boy Scouts of America.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 119, as introduced, Garrick. Boy Scouts of America.

This measure would recognize February 8, 2010, as the 100th Anniversary of Scouting Day, congratulate and commend the Boy Scouts of America on their 100th anniversary and centennial celebration, and recognize the achievements and impacts the Scouting program has had on youth.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America was inspired and
2 modeled on the Boy Scouts Association, established by Lord
3 Baden-Powell in the United Kingdom in 1908; and
4 WHEREAS, W.D. Boyce, an American newspaper man, with
5 Edward S. Stewart and Stanley D. Willis, incorporated the Boy
6 Scouts of America on February 8, 1910, and applied for a federal
7 charter; and
8 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America is one of the largest
9 youth organizations in the United States, with over four million
10 current and active youth members; and
11 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America's goal is to train youth
12 in responsible citizenship, character development, and self-reliance
13 through participation in a wide range of outdoor activities,

1 educational programs, and career-oriented programs in partnership
2 with community organizations; and

3 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts first served as crowd control for
4 the inauguration of President Woodrow Wilson in 1913, and have
5 served at every inauguration since in some ceremonial role; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1912, following the success of the Boy Scouts
7 of America program, the Girl Scouts of the United States of
8 America was founded on the same scouting principles developed
9 by Lord Baden-Powell to promote the social welfare of young
10 women during the progressive movement and serving in
11 compliment to the Boy Scouts of America; and

12 WHEREAS, During the Great War, scouts were used as message
13 runners, coast watchers, and in other vital service roles, as well as
14 to collect countless tons of scrap metal and other natural resources
15 that could be recycled and put to use in America's factories; and

16 WHEREAS, During the Great Depression, President Franklin
17 D. Roosevelt encouraged Scouts to do their part by providing
18 services to assist relief agencies, and to have scout leaders provide
19 training for the Civilian Conservation Corps.; and

20 WHEREAS, scouting is operated locally through units sponsored
21 by churches, clubs, civic associations, educational organizations
22 and the like, which furthers their mission to give back to their
23 communities; and

24 WHEREAS, Units of Scouting are led entirely by volunteers;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, In addition to nostalgic memories of campfires
27 kindling friendships, prominent leaders in all fields of endeavor
28 have credited the skills they learned in Scouting as helping mold
29 them into successful citizens; and

30 WHEREAS, Over two-thirds of all astronauts had some type
31 of involvement in Scouting, and 11 of the 12 men to walk on the
32 Moon were Scouts, including Eagle Scouts Neil Armstrong and
33 Charlie Duke; and

34 WHEREAS, President Gerald Ford stated, "I can say without
35 hesitation, because of Scouting principles, I know I was a better
36 athlete, I was a better naval officer, I was a better Congressman,
37 and I was a better prepared President;" and

38 WHEREAS, Scouts have been urged to "Do a Good Turn Daily"
39 from the inception of the scouting movement; and

1 WHEREAS, Scouting for Food is an on-going annual program,
2 started in 1986, that collects food for local food banks; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1997, the Boy Scouts of America developed
4 Service to America, with a commitment to provide 200 million
5 hours of service by youth members by the end of the year 2000,
6 which included service projects with the National Park Service;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The achievements and contributions of the scouting
9 program are possible only through the dedicated service hours of
10 California's youth, and it is through their leadership, and the efforts
11 of all scouting volunteers and families, that California's future will
12 continue to flourish; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2008, the Boy Scouts of America honored its
14 two-millionth Eagle Scout; and

15 WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America centennial logo was
16 created by Philip Goolkasian, an Eagle Scout from Fresno,
17 California; and

18 WHEREAS, The United States Mint issued 350,000 Boy Scouts
19 of America Silver Dollar Centennial Commemorative Coins; and

20 WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service released the
21 Celebrate Scouting commemorative stamp; and

22 WHEREAS, On January 1, 2010, the Boy Scouts of America,
23 for the first time in its history, entered a float commemorating its
24 100th Anniversary for the Annual Tournament of Roses Parade
25 held in Pasadena, California; now, therefore, be it

26 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
27 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature does hereby recognize
28 February 8, 2010, as "100th Anniversary of Scouting Day;" and
29 be it further

30 *Resolved*, That the Legislature congratulate and commend the
31 Boy Scouts of America on their 100th Anniversary and Centennial
32 Celebration, and recognize the outstanding achievements and
33 impacts the scouting program has had on youth in California, across
34 the United States and throughout the world, and their dedication
35 to service and volunteerism in their communities; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, that the Chief Clerk of the Assembly shall produce
37 and distribute to all Members of the Legislature sufficient copies
38 of this resolution such that Members may present them to local

- 1 Scouting Councils and Troops as a memento of the auspicious
- 2 occasion of the 100th Anniversary of Scouting.

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